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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) "ELSIA-F750", International Reagents Corporation (Japan) Product Catalog December, 1995 (6 pgs.).

Applicants would also like to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Ramsey, U.S. Patent No. 5,858,195, issued January 12, 1999; and
- (3) Hata, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/689,010, filed October 12, 2000.

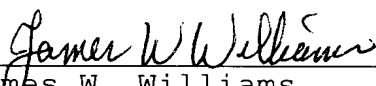
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